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Pyrrhus of Epirus won a  
great victory at ASCULUM

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Battle of ASCULUM  
Pyrrhus (c 318 - 272 BC)  
of Epirus, with his  
mercenaries and elephants,  
defeated Romans in "Pyrrhic  
victory" at Apulia Italy

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Battle of ASCULUM

2796C

PYRRHUS invades Sicily.

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Anarchy in Macedonia

Meleager son of Plotonaios ("Soter")

Antipatros ("Etesias") son of Philippos.  
who was son of Antipatros

Southeners

Plotonaios

Archelaos

son of Lysimachos

279Bc

CELTS

Celtic invasions of Greece under BOLGOS  
and BRENNUS. Antigonus Gonatas drives  
Ceraunus from the Macedonian throne,  
Ceraunus falls in battle with the  
Celts.

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PYRRHUS - King of EPIRUS (N.W. Greece)  
King at 12 yrs; he served with Demetrius I  
of Macedonia in Asia Minor, was helped  
by PTOLEMY I of Egypt to regain his  
throne and later won & lost MACEDONIA.  
His costly victory over the Romans at  
ASCULUM (279 BC) during an Italian  
campaign, gave rise to the term  
"PYRRHIC VICTORY." Further campaigns

in Macedonia & Sparta failed.  
He was killed in Argos.



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### Battle of ASCULUM I (Rise of Rome)

Following his victory at HERACLEA, King Pyrrhus marched north into APULIA with a combined force of 40,000 EPIROT and ITALIOTE troops. At ASCULUM (ASCOLI SATORIANO) he encountered an equal force of Romans, under SULPICIUS SAVERRIO, who were trying to raise a siege laid against the city. As in the battle the previous year, both sides fought furiously. But again EPIROT cavalry proved the decisive element, and the Romans were

finally, forced to fall back.

the battle cost the Roman legions 6,000 men; the Epirotes lost 3,500. Realizing that Rome could supply replacements much more easily than the Greeks, Pyrrhus exclaimed, "Another such victory and we are lost" (thus the term "Pyrrhic victory").

Pyrrhus then moved to Sicily to aid the Greek city-state of ~~Syracuse~~ <sup>Agathine</sup> against CARTHAGE, which had concluded a peace treaty with Rome. But after only indifferent success, he returned to Italy.

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Gallie invasion of Greece  
repulsed at Delphi

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Pyrhus defeats Romans at  
Asculum.

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